GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ITE&C Dept - Prom Wing –Constitution of Data Center Advisory Council for Andhra Pradesh — Orders — Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS (Promotions) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 46 **Dated: 27.10.2025**
Read the Following

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.6, ITE&C (Promotions) Dept., dated:14.11.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.12, ITE&C (Promotions) Dept., dated:02.05.2025.

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ORDER:

1. The Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) recognizes the rapid growth of the Data Centre (DC) sector, driven by digitization, cloud applications, Artificial Intelligence, and other emerging technologies. Data Centres are critical infrastructure facilities that centralize storage, processing, and management of large volumes of data essential for business continuity, citizen services, and digital governance.
2. The Government of Andhra Pradesh introduced the Andhra Pradesh Data Centre Policy (4.0) offering a comprehensive package of incentives, including capital subsidies, taxes reimbursement, stamp duty exemption, power incentives, and regulatory relaxations. To further accelerate the development of a robust Data Centre ecosystem, there is a need to create an institutional mechanism for strategic guidance, policy oversight, infrastructure facilitation, talent development, and global outreach.
3. Accordingly, the Government hereby constitutes the Data Centre Advisory Council for Andhra Pradesh to serve as the apex platform to coordinate with stakeholders, to facilitate investments, and to promote Andhra Pradesh globally as a leading Data Centre hub.

4. **The functions of Data Centre Advisory Councilare:**

I. To provide Strategic guidance in preparing the roadmap for the growth of the Data Centres Sector in AP over the next 5 years covering aspects such as the creation of a future-ready talent ecosystem, innovation, creation of next generation infrastructure, regulatory easing, global collaboration and branding and fiscal incentives.

II. To review the Data Centres' Policy implementation, assessing its impact, and recommending adjustments based on feedback received.

III. To advise on the development of infrastructure for Data Centres, including dedicated parks, plug-and-play campuses, and edge facilities, with focus on renewable energy, real estate norms, power and fibre connectivity, and other supporting infrastructure.

IV. To provide industry inputs to educational/skilling institutions to assess skill needs, recommend training programs and thereby ensure the availability of skilled workforce for Data Centres across sectors.

V. To assist in the State's branding as a Data Centres hub, especially Vizag, support in industry outreach to MNCs wanting to set up their Data Centres in India and liaising with diplomatic missions and trade bodies

VI. To foster collaboration with Data Centres Service providers, startups, academic R&D centres and think tanks to create a vibrant innovation ecosystem.

5. **Operations:**

I. The council may constitute sub-committees/ task forces as per domains as and when required.

II. A dedicated Secretariat comprising 2–3 officers drawn from the Department of ITE&C or the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) shall support the council in organizing meetings, coordination, record- keeping, and follow-up actions.

III. M/s Primus Partners, consultants to the state's ITE & C department, shall provide technical and operational support to the Secretariat.

6. The Government hereby accords approval for the constitution of the Data Centre Advisory Council with the following members:

S.No.	Representation in Data Centre Advisory Council	Name, Organization & Designation
1	Hon'ble Minister, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication Department	Sri. Nara Lokesh
2	CXOs / India Heads of leading MNCs operating Data Centres in India	
	Hyperscale Cloud Providers	Mr. Srikanth Karnakota, Executive Director and GM Cloud and AI Solutions at Microsoft India, Microsoft Azure
	Global Data Centre Operators	1) Mr. Sharad Sanghi, Chairman of NTT GDC India, NTT 2) Mr. Samson Arthur, Executive Director – Land & Industrial, Cushman & Wakefield 3) Mr. Jitesh karlekar, Director research Data centre APAC, JLL 4) Mr. Lalit Khanna, COO, ST Telemedia GDC India
3	Data Centres of the State	Mr. Kalyan Muppaneni, Founder & CEO, Pi Data Centers
4	Industry Bodies and Associations	
	NASSCOM (Data Centre & Cloud initiatives)	Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Vice President, and Head – Policy Outreach and Government Relations
	DSCI – Data Security Council of India	Mr. Vinayak Godse, CEO
	ISPAI – Internet Service Providers Association of India	Mr. Rajesh Chharia, President.
	IEEMA – Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association	Mr. Vikram Gandotra, President.
5	Representative for Data Centres Service providers	
	Power & Cooling Technology Providers	Mr. Deepak Sharma, President - Greater India zone, CEO & MD - Schneider Electric India Pvt. Ltd
	Fiber / Connectivity Providers	Mr. Anish Shah, President & COO, JIO Platforms Ltd
6	Representatives from Academic/ Skilling and Research Institutions	

S.No.	Representation in Data Centre Advisory Council	Name, Organization & Designation
	Andhra University	Prof. G.P. Raja Sekhar, Vice-Chancellor
	IIM Vishakhapatnam	Mr. M Chandrasekhar, Director
	IIT Tirupati	Mr. K. N. Satyanarayana, Director
7	Andhra Pradesh State FiberNet Limited, APSFL	Ms. Geetanjali Sharma, I.A.S, Managing Director
8	Risk, Safety & Resilience Partners	
	CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team)	Dr. Sanjay Bahl, Director General
	Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, APSDMA	Sri. Prakhar Jain, IAS Director, Disaster Management (FAC) Managing Director
	Andhra Pradesh Technology Services (AP State Cyber Security Operations Centre)	Sri. Mallavarapu Surya Teja, IAS Managing Director
9	Secretary to Government, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication Department - Convenor / Member Secretary	Sri. Bhaskar Katamneni, I.A.S
10	Secretary to Government, Industries and Commerce Department	Sri. N. Yuvaraj, I.A.S
11	Secretariat by M/s Primus Partners, consultants to the State IT Department.	-
12	Special Invitees	Sectoral Experts as required

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

BHASKAR KATAMNENI

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,

1. The Honorable Minister for IT, HRD and RTG.
2. The Secretary to Government, ITE&C Dept.,
3. The Secretary to Government, Industries & CommerceDepartment.,
4. The MD, Andhra Pradesh State FiberNet Limited, APSFL
5. The MD, Andhra Pradesh Technology Services
6. The MD, APSDMA (AP State Disaster Management Authority)
7. The DG, CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency ResponseTeam)
8. The ED and GM Cloud and AI Solutions at Microsoft India, MicrosoftAzure
9. The Chairman, NTT
10. The ED – Land & Industrial, Cushman &Wakefield
11. The Director research Data centre APAC, JLL
12. The COO, STT GDC India
13. The NASCOOM, VP and Head – Policy Outreach and GovernmentRelations
14. The CEO, DSCI
15. The President, ISPAI
16. The President, IEEMA
17. The Greater India zone, CEO & MD - Schneider Electric India Pvt.Ltd
18. The President & COO, JIO Platforms Ltd
19. The Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University
20. The Director, IIM Vishakhapatnam
21. The Director IIT Tirupati
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